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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, HA, PN

SUBJECT: DUVALIER INVITED TO AMPHYCTIONIC CONFERENCE

REF: PANAMA 6889

1. THE SEMI-OFFICIAL DAILY NOUVEAU MONDE ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 13 THAT PANAMA HAD INVITED PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER TO ATTEND A MEETING "OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CHIEFS OF STATE" TO COMMEMORATE THE IDEALS OF SIMON BOLIVAR IN JUNE 1976 DURING THE "120TH CONGRESS OF PANAMA". IT REFERRED TO BOLIVAR'S AIMS OF LA UNITY TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GAINS, AND THE HELP GIVEN BOLIVAR BY HAITIAN PRESIDENT PETION DURING BOLIVAR'S STRUGGLES FOR SOUTH AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. IT HAILED THE INVITATION AS EVIDENCE OF EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN HAITI AND PANAMA, BUT GAVE NO INDICATION IF DUVALIER INTENDED TO ATTEND.

2. COMMENT - DUVALIER'S SECURITY CONSCIOUS FATHER, THE LATE DR. FRANCOIS "PAPA DOC" DUVALIER, NEVER RISKED FOREIGN TRAVEL DURING HIS TUMULTUOUS PRESIDENCY (1957-71), AND SO FAR NEITHER HAS YOUNG DUVALIER. HE DID, HOWEVER, ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT ZAMBIA IN THE UNDEFINED FUTURE DURING  
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ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KENNETH KAUNDA'S STOPOVER IN PORT-AU-

PRINCE ON APRIL 25, 1975 (PAUP 981). THAT VAGUE ACCEPTANCE  
DISTURBED HIS SECURITY ADVISORS, WHO CONTINUE TO INSIST HE  
SHOULD NOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY. HOWEVER, DUVALIER ALLEGEDLY  
HAS BEEN CONSIDERING FOREIGN TRAVEL FOR SOME TIME, PARTICULARLY  
IN THE CARIBBEAN. THUS BY JUNE 1976 DUVALIER COULD DECIDE TO  
RISK THE PANAMA TRIP AS A SYMBOL OF HIS SUCCESSFUL DOMESTIC  
POLICIES AND OF HIS OWN GROWING INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE. THE  
TRIP IS AT LEAST AN OPTION IF NOT YET A LIKELIHOOD. HOWEVER,  
IF THE PANAMA MEETING SHAPES UP AS A LA FORUM FOR CONFRONTATION  
WITH THE US OVER THE CANAL ZONE, THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THIS  
OPTION FOR THE HAITIANS WILL DIMINISH CONSIDERABLY.  
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